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SUBJECT: CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN

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1. HUNGARIAN POLITICAL DAILY MAGYAR HIRLAP CARRIED LONG ARTICLE ON CROWN IN AUGUST 20 "CONSTITUTION DAY" EDITION. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, HISTORICALLY, AUG 20 HAS ALWAYS BEEN FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN. ARTICLE CHARGED THAT HUNGARIAN FASCISTS TURNED OVER CROWN AND OTHER TREASURES TO US IN 1945. ARGUED THAT USSR SUBSEQUENTLY VIGOROUSLY SUPPORTED GOH DEMAND FOR THEIR RETURN. STATED GOH OVER MORE THAN LAST QUARTER OF CENTURY HAS PRESSED IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS FOR RETURN OF NATIONAL TREASURES AND THESE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL WITH EXCEPTION OF ROYAL CROWN AND CORONATION JEWELS STILL HELD BY US.

2. MAGYAR HIRLAP ARTICLE, ALMOST FULL PAGE IN LENGTH, FOLLOWS WARNING BY GOH OFFICIALS (SEE REFTEL) THAT IT LIKELY TO BE INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO KEEP THIS ISSUE OUT OF LOCAL PRESS. RESIDENT FRG REPRESENTATIVES REPORTED GERMAN PRESS CARRIED AMBASSADOR PUHAN'S INTERVIEW WITH ENDRE MARTON ON CROWN. HUNGARIAN PRESS, SO FAR, HAS NOT YET PICKED THIS UP. WHILE THERE ARE CERTAIN LIMITATIONS BOTH IN FREQUENCY AND TONE TO HUNGARIAN PRESS AND PUBLIC

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TREATMENT OF CROWN ISSUE, IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING

IF IN FUTURE LOCAL PRESS PICKED UP PUHAN INTERVIEW TO
SUPPORT ITS CASE.
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